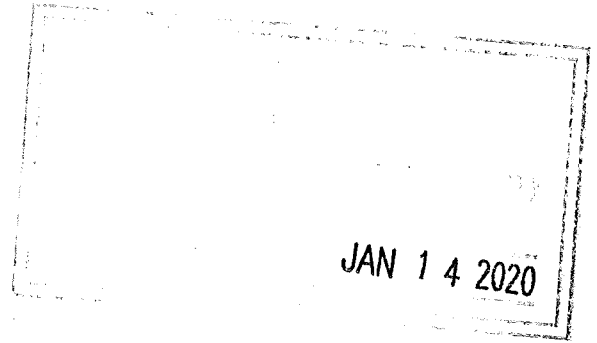


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Merrill, BOFA, and Morgan Stanley
Spoofing Litigation



19-cv-6002 (AJN)

ORDER

ALISON J. NATHAN, District Judge:

On January 13, 2020, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss. Pursuant to Rule 3.F. of this Court's Individual Practices in Civil Cases, on or before January 23, 2020, Plaintiffs must notify the Court and their adversaries in writing whether (1) they intend to file an amended pleading and when they will do so or (2) they will rely on the pleading being attacked. Plaintiffs are on notice that declining to amend their pleadings to timely respond to a fully briefed argument in the Defendants' January 13 motion to dismiss may well constitute a waiver of the Plaintiffs' right to use the amendment process to cure any defects that have been made apparent by the Defendants' briefing. *See Loreley Fin. (Jersey) No. 3 Ltd. v. Wells Fargo Sec., LLC.*, 797 F.3d 160, 190 (2d Cir. 2015) (leaving "unaltered the grounds on which denial of leave to amend has long been held proper, such as undue delay, bad faith, dilatory motive, and futility").

If Plaintiffs choose to amend, Defendants may then (a) file an answer; (b) file a new motion to dismiss; or (c) submit a letter stating that they rely on the initially-filed motion to dismiss.

Nothing in this Order alters the time to amend, answer or move provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or Local Rules.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 14, 2020
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alison J. Nathan', is positioned above a horizontal line.

ALISON J. NATHAN
United States District Judge